



REPLY TO:
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
696 VIRGINIA ROAD
CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01742-2751

July 28, 2006

Regulatory Division
NAE-2004-338

Dr. Rodney Cluck
Minerals Management Service
381 Elden Street
MS 4042
Herndon, VA 20170

Dear Dr. Cluck:

This is in response to the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Cape Wind Energy Project. As you are aware, the Corps of Engineers had determined that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is necessary for our evaluation of the Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act permit application. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement was completed; we received comments and had begun our evaluation of those comments. As Minerals Management Service is now the lead federal agency, we plan to rely upon your EIS in order to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. We have previously accepted your invitation to be a cooperating agency. We will need to address a wide range of public interest factors (33 CFR Part 320.4) and the Section 404 (b)(1) guidelines if applicable and plan to use your EIS to help us complete this analysis.

We will continue to coordinate with you to ensure the EIS will meet our needs and to provide any assistance and expertise we may be able to offer. If you should have any questions, please contact Karen K. Adams at 978-318-8828.

Sincerely,



Robert J. DeSista
Chief, Regulatory Division

Cf: Cape Wind Associates, LLC